

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A right management system for managing license information that allows usage of content, said right management system comprising:

a content provider that produces the content, said content provider including a first right management device;

a service provider that issues the license information to an end user, said service provider including a second right management device; and

a terminal device for the end user to use the content, wherein said second right management device comprises a license information generation unit operable to generate the license information including to include a usage condition that shows a condition for allowing the usage of the content;-, and a transmission unit operable to transmit the generated license information to said terminal device,

said terminal device comprises:

a reception unit operable to receive the license information from said second right management device;

a range designation obtainment unit operable to obtain edit condition information generated by said first right management device -showingthat shows a range designation of the usage condition from a content provider that produces the contentincluded in the license information;

a usage condition judgment unit operable to judge whether or not the usage condition included in the generated license information received from said second right management device is within the designated range designated in the obtained edit condition information; and

a validation unit operable to validate the generatedreceived license information only when the usage condition is judged to be within the range-as a result of the judgment, and abandon the received license information when the usage condition is judged not to be within the range.

2. **(Cancelled)**

3. (Currently Amended) The right management system according to Claim 1, comprising:

- ~~—— a first right management device provided for said content provider;~~
- ~~—— a second right management device provided for a service provider that issues the license information to an end user; and~~
- ~~—— a terminal device with which the end user uses the content,~~

wherein said second right management device ~~is operable to have~~ further comprises:

- ~~said license information generation unit;~~
- a second~~said~~ range designation obtainment unit;
- a second~~said~~ usage condition judgment unit; and
- a second~~said~~ validation unit,

wherein said second range designation obtainment unit is operable to obtain the edit condition information generated by said first right management device ~~showing that shows~~ the range designation of the usage condition ~~in regard to the received license information from said first right management device, and~~ said second usage condition judgment unit is operable to judge whether or not the usage condition is within the range designated in the edit condition information, and

said second validation unit is operable to insert a content key, ~~with which encrypted content key is for decrypting encrypted content is decrypted,~~ into the generated license information only when the usage condition is within the range.

4. (Currently Amended) The right management system according to Claim 3, ~~wherein~~ wherein:

said first right management device ~~is operable to have~~ comprises a contract license generation unit operable to generate contract license information including the content key and the edit condition information ~~showing the range of the usage condition; and and,~~ a transmission unit operable to transmit the generated contract license to said second right management ~~device,~~ and device; and

said second right management device ~~is further operable to have~~ further comprises a

contract license reception unit operable to receive the contract license from said first right management ~~device; device;~~

~~wherein~~ said second range designation obtainment unit is operable to obtain the edit condition information ~~showing the range of the usage condition~~ from the received contract ~~license; license;~~

said second usage condition judgment unit is operable to judge whether or not the usage condition included in the generated license information is within the range shown in the obtained edit condition information ~~of the read usage condition, and;~~ and

said second validation unit is operable to extract the content key from the received contract license and to insert the extracted content key into the generated license information only when the usage condition is within the range.

5. (Currently Amended) The right management system according to Claim 4, wherein said second right management device ~~is further operable to have~~ further comprises

an issue unit operable to issue the license information, into which the content key has been inserted, to said terminal device ~~of the end user only~~ when the usage condition is judged to be within the range ~~as a result of the judgment.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The right management system according to Claim 3, ~~wherein~~ wherein:

said first right management device ~~is operable to have;~~ comprises a contract license generation unit operable to generate contract license information including the content key, the edit condition information ~~showing the range of the usage condition~~, and a condition regarding an issue of the license ~~information; and~~ information, and a transmission unit operable to transmit the generated contract license to said second right management ~~device; and~~ device; and

said second right management device ~~is further operable to have;~~ further comprises a contract license reception unit operable to receive the contract license from said first right management ~~device; device;~~ an issue condition obtainment unit operable to obtain the condition regarding the issue from the contract ~~license; and~~ license, and an issue unit operable to issue the

license information to said terminal device;~~of the end user,~~

~~wherein~~ said second range designation obtainment unit is operable to obtain the edit condition information ~~showing the range of the usage condition~~ from the received contract ~~license~~license;

said second usage condition judgment unit is operable to judge whether or not the usage condition included in the generated license information is within the range ~~of the read usage condition~~designation shown in the obtained edit condition information;

said second validation unit is operable to extract the content key from the received contract license and to insert the extracted content key into the generated license information only when the usage condition is within the ~~range~~range; and

said issue unit is operable to issue license information, into which the content key has been inserted, in accordance with the obtained condition regarding the issue.

7. (Currently Amended) A right management device for managing license information that allows usage of content, said right management device comprising:

a license information generation unit operable to generate the license information ~~including to include~~ a usage condition that shows a condition for allowing ~~the usage of the content~~;

a content provider that produces the content, said content provider including a content provider right management device;

a range designation reception unit operable to receive edit condition information generated by said right management device which shows ~~showing a range designation~~ of the usage condition ~~from a right management device provided for a content provider that produces the content~~;

a usage condition judgment unit operable to judge whether or not the usage condition included in the generated license information is within the ~~designated range~~ designated in the edit condition information; and

a validation unit operable to validate the generated license information only when the usage condition is judged to be within the range ~~as a result of the judgment~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The right management device according to Claim 7,
~~wherein~~ wherein:

said range designation reception unit is operable to receive the edit condition information ~~showing the range of the usage condition~~ from said content provider right management device ~~of said content provider that produces the content;~~ and

said right management device ~~is further operable to comprise~~ comprises

a content key obtainment unit operable to obtain a content key, ~~which was~~ used for encrypting the content, from said content provider right management device ~~of said content provider~~, and

said validation unit is operable to insert the content key into the generated license information only when the usage condition is within the range designated in the edit condition information.

9. (Currently Amended) The right management device according to Claim 8,
~~wherein~~ wherein:

said range designation reception unit is operable to receive designation of a time period during which the content is allowed to be used, as the usage condition, from said content provider right management device ~~of said content provider;~~ and

said usage condition judgment unit is operable to judge whether or not the time ~~period~~ period, included in the generated license information, during which the content is allowed to be used, is within the ~~designated range~~ designated in the edit condition ~~and~~ information; and

said validation unit is operable to validate the license information only when the time ~~period included in the license information~~, during which the content is allowed to be used, is within the designated range.

10. (Currently Amended) The right management device according to Claim 8,
~~wherein~~ wherein:

said range designation reception unit is operable to receive edit condition information showing designation of a range of a total number of times the content is allowed to be used, as the usage condition, from said content provider right management device ~~of said content~~

~~provider;~~

said usage condition judgment unit is operable to judge whether or not the range,
designated in the edit condition information, of the total number of times the content is allowed
to be used, which is included in the generated license information, is within the designated
~~range;~~range; and

said validation unit is operable to validate the license information only when the range of
the total number of times the content is allowed to be used, ~~which is included in the license-~~
~~information,~~ is within the designated range.

11. (Currently Amended) The right management device according to Claim 8,
~~wherein~~ wherein:

said range designation reception unit is operable to receive edit condition information
showing designation of a range of a total time length for which the content is allowed to be used,
as the usage condition, from said content provider right management device ~~of said content~~
~~provider;~~

said usage condition judgment unit is operable to judge whether or not the range,
designated in the edit condition information, of the total time length, ~~for which the content is~~
~~allowed to be used and~~ which is included in the generated license information, is within the
designated ~~range;~~range; and

said validation unit is operable to validate the license information only when the range of
the total time length, ~~for which the content is allowed to be used and which is included in the~~
~~license information,~~ is within the designated range.

12. (Currently Amended) The right management device according to Claim 8,
~~wherein~~ wherein:

said range designation reception unit is operable to receive edit condition information
showing designation of a continuous time length during which the content is allowed to be
continuously used from said content provider right management device ~~of said content provider;~~

said usage condition judgment unit is operable to judge whether or not the continuous
time length, included in the generated license information, is within the ~~designated~~ range.

designated in the edit condition, and information; and

said validation unit is operable to validate the license information only when the continuous time length ~~included in the generated license information~~ is within the designated range.

13. (Original) The right management device according to Claim 8, wherein at least said usage condition judgment unit is made up of a tamper resistant module.

14. (Currently Amended) The right management device according to Claim 7, further comprising:

an issue condition designation reception unit operable to receive information showing designation of a condition regarding an issue of license information for each content;

a license information issue unit operable to issue the license information corresponding to the content to ~~said a~~ terminal device of ~~the an~~ end user; and

an issue condition judgment unit operable to judge whether or not the issue of the license information satisfies the designated condition,

wherein said license information issue unit is operable to issue the license information to the end user only when the issue of the license information is judged to satisfy the designated condition ~~as a result of the judgment~~.

15. (Currently Amended) The right management device according to Claim 14, wherein said issue condition designation reception unit is operable to receive designation of a total number of sets of the license information which are allowed to be issued, and said right management device ~~is further operable to comprise; comprises:~~

a number-of-issue count unit operable to count a total number of sets of the license information to be issued, for each content; and

a number-of-issue judgment unit operable to judge whether or not the counted total number of sets ~~of the license information~~ satisfies the designated condition,

wherein said license information issue unit is operable to issue the license information only when the total number of issues is judged to satisfy the condition ~~as a result of the~~

judgment.

16. (Currently Amended) The right management device according to Claim 14,
~~wherein~~ wherein:

said issue condition designation reception unit is operable to receive designation of an issue period during which the license information is allowed to be ~~issued~~ issued;

said issue condition judgment unit is operable to judge whether or not a current time of day satisfies the designated issue ~~period~~ period; and

said license information issue unit is operable to issue the license information only when the current time of day is judged to satisfy the designated issue period ~~as a result of the~~ judgment.

17. (Currently Amended) The right management device according to Claim 7, further comprising:

an issue condition designation reception unit operable to receive designation of a condition regarding an issue of the license information, corresponding to each usage condition within the designated range, from said content provider right management device ~~of said content provider~~; and

a license information issue unit operable to issue ~~the~~ an end user the license information satisfying the issue condition corresponding to the usage condition only when the usage condition is judged to be within the range as a result of the judgment made by said usage condition judgment unit.

18. (Currently Amended) The right management device according to Claim 17,
wherein when the usage condition is a total number of times the content is allowed to be used and the condition regarding the issue of the license information is the number of issues of the license information, said license information issue unit is operable to issue the license information so that each ~~eventual~~ total number of times the content is allowed to be used is ~~nearly~~ substantially the same, in accordance with the issue condition corresponding to the usage condition.

19. (Currently Amended) A terminal device of an end user for reproducing content in accordance with license information that allows usage of the content, said terminal device comprising:

a request unit operable to request the license information used for reproducing a specific content from a right management device of a service provider;

a license information obtainment unit operable to obtain, in response to the ~~request;~~request, the license information including a usage condition that shows a condition for allowing the usage of the ~~content;~~content, and ~~range designation~~edit condition information designating a range of the usage condition;

a usage condition judgment unit operable to judge whether or not the usage condition ~~included in the obtained license information~~ is within the range designated in the ~~range designation~~edit condition information; and

an abandon unit operable to abandon the obtained license information when the usage condition is judged not to be within the range designated in the ~~range designation~~edit condition information ~~as a result of the judgment~~.

20. (Currently Amended) A right management method for managing license information that allows usage of content, ~~comprising:~~ in a right management system which includes a first right management device included in a content provider that produces the content, a second right management device included in a service provider that issues the license information to an end user and a terminal device for the end user to use the content, wherein said right management method comprises:

generating, in the second right management device, the license information including a usage condition that shows a condition for allowing the usage of the content; and

transmitting the generated license information from the second right management device to the terminal device of the end user, and;

receiving, in the terminal device, the license information from the second right management device;

~~receiving~~obtaining, in the terminal device, edit condition information showing ~~a range~~ designation of the usage condition included in the license information, the edit condition information being generated by ~~from a~~ the first right management device ~~provided for a content provider that produces the content;~~

~~judging, in the terminal device,~~ whether or not the usage condition included in the ~~generated~~ license information received from the second right management device is within the ~~received~~range designated in the edit condition information; and

validating, in the terminal device, the ~~generated~~received license information only when the usage condition is judged to be within the range ~~as a result of the judgment,~~ and abandoning the received license information when the usage condition is judged not to be within the range.

21. (Currently Amended) A right management method for a terminal device of an end user that reproduces content in accordance with license information that allows usage of the content, said right management method comprising:

requesting the license information used for reproducing a specific content from a service provider;

obtaining, in response to ~~the request;~~said requesting operation, the license information including a usage condition that shows a condition for allowing the usage of the ~~content;~~content, and ~~range designation;~~edit condition information designating a range of the usage condition;

judging whether or not the usage condition included in the obtained license information is within the range designated in the ~~range designation;~~edit condition information; and

abandoning the obtained license information when the usage condition is judged not to be within the range designated in the ~~range designation;~~edit condition information ~~as a result of the judgment.~~

22. (Currently Amended) A program for a right management device which manages license information that allows usage of content, the program causing a computer to execute at least the following:

~~a license information generation step of generating the license information including to~~ include a usage condition that shows a condition for allowing the usage;

~~a range designation reception step of receiving~~ edit condition information showing a range designation of the usage condition from a right management device ~~provided for~~ included in a content provider that produces the content;

~~a usage condition judgment step of judging whether or not the usage condition included in the generated license information is within the designated range~~ designated in the edit condition information; and

~~a validation step of validating the generated license information only when the usage condition is judged to be within the range as a result of the judgment.~~

23. (Currently Amended) A program for a terminal device of an end user that reproduces content in accordance with license information that allows usage of the content, the program causing a computer to execute at least the following:

~~a request step of requesting the license information used for reproducing a specific content from a right management device of a service provider;~~

~~a license information obtainment step of obtaining, in response to the request, said~~ requesting operation, the license information including a usage condition that shows a condition for allowing the usage of the ~~content; content,~~ and ~~range designation~~ edit condition information designating a range of the usage condition;

~~a usage condition judgment step of judging whether or not the usage condition included in the obtained license information is within the range designated in the~~ edit condition ~~range designation~~ information; and

~~an abandon step of abandoning the obtained license information when the usage condition is judged not to be within the range designated in the~~ edit condition ~~range designation~~ information ~~as a result of the judgment.~~

24. (Currently Amended) ~~A record medium storing a computer-readable recording medium~~ having stored thereon a computer program for a right management device which manages license information that allows usage of content, the program for causing a computer to execute at least the following:

(1) storing a content key used for decrypting encrypted content; ~~and~~

(2)storing edit condition information designating a range of a usage condition that shows a condition for allowing usage of the ~~content~~content;

generating the license information to include the usage condition;

receiving the edit condition information from a right management device included in a content provider that produces the content;

judging whether or not the usage condition included in the generated license information is within the range designated in the edit condition information; and

validating the generated license information only when the usage condition is judged to be within the range.

25. (Currently Amended) A ~~record medium storing~~computer-readable recording medium having stored thereon a computer program for a right management device which manages license information that allows usage of content, the program for causing a computer to execute at least the following:

(1)storing a content key used for decrypting encrypted content;

(2)storing edit condition information designating a range of a usage condition that shows a condition for allowing usage of the ~~content~~content; ~~and~~

(3)storing a condition regarding an issue of license information that allows the usage of the content under the usage ~~condition~~condition;

generating the license information to include the usage condition;

receiving the edit condition information from a right management device included in a content provider that produces the content;

judging whether or not the usage condition included in the generated license information is within the range designated in the edit condition information; and

validating the generated license information only when the usage condition is judged to be within the range.